

*Will sport a Clinton LumberKings jersey in tonight's game*

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**Washington, DC** - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) will participate in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional baseball game tonight to raise funds for the Washington Literacy Group and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. Braley will be in the starting lineup as designated hitter, wearing a Clinton LumberKings jersey as he helps the Democrats take on the Republicans at Nationals Park this evening.

“On every other day of the year, partisan game-playing does a tremendous disservice to the American people...but tonight is different,” Braley said. “Though the teams are still Democrats vs. Republicans, this game is a great opportunity to put politics aside and support two great causes here in the Washington area while also honoring our national pastime. We've been practicing hard for more than two months and hope to extend our winning streak to

**two**

games. As a representative of Dyersville and the Field of Dreams, it's a special chance to showcase Iowa's proud baseball heritage on a Major League field with my friends and colleagues. I want to thank the Clinton LumberKings for allowing me to represent them tonight and I promise not to let them down.”

Each year, Braley takes the field representing a baseball team from the First District of Iowa. Last year, Braley wore an Anamosa Blue Raiders jersey when the Democrats defeated the Republicans 15-10. He's also represented the University of Northern Iowa Panthers and the

Quad Cities River Bandits.

The first pitch will be thrown tonight, Tuesday evening at 7:00pm EST.

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